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Mail Stop Petition****From: Paul R. Katterle****Fax number: 571-273-8300****Fax number: 440-585-7578****No. pages incl. this cover sheet: 7****Telephone number: 440-585-7968****Date: March 30, 2007****MESSAGE:****Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/578,277
Entitled: "MEDIUM-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR"**

Attached, please find a Petition under 37 CFR 1.181(a) to Withdraw a Holding of Abandonment (3 pages) and three Exhibits thereto (3 pages) for the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,


Paul R. Katterle

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PATENT APPLICATIONIN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Harald Fink
Assignee : ABB Technology AG
Int'l App. No.: PCT/EP04/12508
U.S. Serial No.: 10/578,277 Art Unit: N/A
Int'l Filing Date: November 5, 2004 Confirmation No.: 2766
Title: MEDIUM-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR
Examiner: N/A Docket No.: 03-H26US

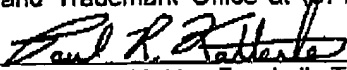
PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181(a)
TO WITHDRAW A HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant's undersigned representative received a Notification of Abandonment for the subject application on March 13, 2007. The Notification states that the application became abandoned for failure to provide a copy of the International Application by 30 months from the priority date, which is November 7, 2003. Applicant submits that this holding of abandonment is improper because a copy of the International Application was transmitted to the USPTO by both the International Bureau and the Applicant. Accordingly, Applicant is filing this petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment.

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PETITION TO THE DIRECTOR

Applicant's undersigned representative received a Notification of Abandonment for the subject application on March 13, 2007. The Notification states that the application became abandoned for failure to provide a copy of the International Application by 30 months from the priority date, which is November 7, 2003. A copy of the Notification of Abandonment is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Applicant submits that this holding of abandonment is improper because a copy of the International Application was transmitted to the USPTO by both the International Bureau and the Applicant.

37 CFR 1.495(b)(1) only requires an applicant to transmit a copy of the International Application to the U.S. Patent Office if the International Bureau has not already done so. MPEP §1893.01(a)(1) provides that a copy of form PCT/IB/308 is **conclusive evidence** that the International Bureau has transmitted the International Application to Designated Offices. A copy of form PCT/IB/308 for the International Application is attached hereto as Exhibit B. This is conclusive evidence that the International Application was transmitted by the International Bureau to the USPTO.

Applicant also transmitted a copy of the published International Application to the USPTO with its Transmittal Letter under 35 U.S.C. 371, which was filed on May 5, 2006. A copy of the returned postcard showing receipt of the Transmittal Letter and the published International Application is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

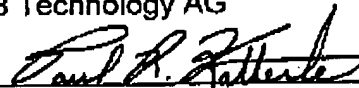
Based on the foregoing Applicant submits that the holding of abandonment is improper and hereby requests the Director to withdraw the holding of abandonment. Pursuant to MPEP §711.03(c), no fee is required for this petition.

If there are any fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 050877.

Respectfully submitted,

ABB Technology AG

By:



Paul R. Katterle, Reg. No. 36563

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Exhibit A

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U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO.	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTY. DOCKET NO.
10/578,277	Harald Fink	03H26US

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11/05/2004	11/07/2003

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Legal Dept.-4U6
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CONFIRMATION NO. 2766

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ABANDONMENT/TERMINATION
LETTER

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Date Mailed: 03/08/2007

NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT

The United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495) has made the following determination:

- Applicant has failed to provide the Copy of the International Application by 30 months (37 CFR 1.495(b)(1)).

Therefore, the above identified application failed to meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.495, and is ABANDONED AS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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FORM PCT/DO/EO/909 (371 Abandonment Notice)

Exhibit B

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

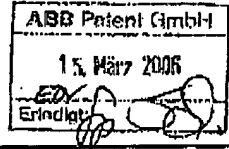
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PCT/EP2004/012508

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

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SECOND AND SUPPLEMENTARY NOTICE
INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE
COMMUNICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
APPLICATION (TO DESIGNATED OFFICES
WHICH APPLY THE 30 MONTH TIME
LIMIT UNDER ARTICLE 22(1))

(PCT Rule 47.1(c))

Date of mailing (day/month/year) 09 March 2006 (09.03.2006)		To: SCHMIDT, Karl-Michael ABB Patent GmbH Pat 0 Oberhausener Strasse 33 40472 Ratingen ALLEMAGNE			
Applicant's or agent's file reference 71934 SM/SP ✓		IMPORTANT NOTICE			
International application No. PCT/EP2004/012508 ✓	International filing date (day/month/year) 05 November 2004 (05.11.2004) ✓	Priority date (day/month/year) 07 November 2003 (07.11.2003) ✓			
Applicant ABB TECHNOLOGY AG et al ✓					

1. **ATTENTION:** For any designated Office(s), for which the time limit under Article 22(1), as in force from 1 April 2002 (30 months from the priority date), does not apply, please see Form PCT/IB/308 (First Notice) issued previously.
2. Notice is hereby given that the following designated Office(s), for which the time limit under Article 22(1), as in force from 1 April 2002, does apply, has/have requested that the communication of the international application, as provided for in Article 20, be effected under Rule 93bis.1. The International Bureau has effected that communication on the date indicated below:
19 May 2005 (19.05.2005)

AU, AZ, BY, CN, CO, DZ, EP, HU, KG, KP, KR, MD, MK, MZ, NA, PG, RU, SY, TM, US

In accordance with Rule 47.1(c-bis)(i), these Offices will accept the present notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

3. The following designated Offices, for which the time limit under Article 22(1), as in force from 1 April 2002, does apply, have not requested, as at the time of mailing of the present notice, that the communication of the international application be effected under Rule 93bis.1:

AE, AG, AL, AM, AP, AT, BA, BB, BG, BR, BW, BZ, CA, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, EA, EG, EE, EG, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, GR, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LV, MA, MG, MN, MW, MX, NI, NO, NZ, OA, OM, PM, PL, PT, RO, SC, SD, SG, SK, SL, TJ, TN, TR, TT, UA, UZ, VC, VN, YU, ZA, ZW

In accordance with Rule 47.1(c-bis)(ii), these Offices accept the present notice as conclusive evidence that the Contracting State for which that Office acts as a designated Office does not require the furnishing, under Article 22, by the applicant of a copy of the international application.

4. **TIME LIMITS for entry into the national phase**

For the designated or elected Office(s) listed above, the applicable time limit for entering the national phase will, subject to what is said in the following paragraph, be 30 MONTHS from the priority date.

To precise, time limits other than the 30-month time limit will continue to apply, for various periods of time, in respect of certain of the designated or elected Office(s) listed above. For regular updates on the applicable time limits (30 or 31 months, or other time limit), Office by Office, refer to the *PCT Gazette*, the *PCT Newsletter* and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I, National Chapters, all available from WIPO's Internet site, at <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html>.

It is the applicant's sole responsibility to monitor all these time limits.

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Form PCT/IB/308 (Second and Supplementary Notice) (January 2004)

Exhibit C

RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS IS HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGED
ON THE DATE STAMPED HEREON:

In re National Phase PCT Application of **ABB Ltd.**
For: MEDIUM-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR
International Application No.: PCT/EP2004/012508
International Application Date: 05 November 2004
Claiming Priority from German Application No.: 103 51 948.3
Filed: 07 November 2003 Docket No.: 03-H26US
National Phase PCT Application Cover Sheet w/Certificate of
Mailing; Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/
Selected Office with the authorization to charge the deposit
account in duplicate; Copy of the English language translation;
Copy of the published international application; Copy of the
International Search Report from the European Patent Office.

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